

REMARKS

Claim amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject-matter of allowable claim 8, and claim 8 has been cancelled. Claim 7, previously dependent on claim 8, has been made dependent on claim 1.

Claim 40 has been amended to incorporate the subject-matter of allowable claim 42, and claim 42 has been canceled.

Claims 14, 18-19, 22-27 and 31-36 have been cancelled.

New claims 44-49 are hereby presented.

No new matter has been added. All claim amendments have been made without prejudice, and the Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute the matter cancelled from the claims in this application or in any derivatives thereof.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 7, 8, 42 and 43 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The subject matter of claim 8, which was dependent on claim 1, has been incorporated in claim 1, and claim 8 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 is patentable over the cited Art.

Claim 7, which was dependent on claim 8, has been made dependent on amended claim 1. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 7 is patentable over the cited Art.

The subject matter of claim 42, which was dependent on claim 40, has been incorporated in claim 40, and claim 42 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 40 is patentable over the cited Art.

Claim 43 depends on claim 41, which depends on claim 40. The Applicant respectfully submits that the patentability of claims 41 and 43 derives from the patentability of claim 40.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1, 5, 6, 9-11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 22-24, 26-36, 40 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,049,835 to Gagnon in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,718,015 to Berstis. Claims 12 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gagnon in view of Berstis and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,061,738 to Osaku. The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1

It has been seen above that claim 1 is patentable over the cited art for incorporating all the features of allowable claim 8.

Claims 5, 6, 9-11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 22-24, 26-36

Claims 14, 18, 19, 22-24, 26-27 and 31-36 have been cancelled.

Claims 5, 6, 9-11, 13 and 28-30 depend directly or indirectly on claim 1. The Applicant respectfully submits that at least in view of their dependency on claim 1, claims 5, 6, 9-11, 13 and 28-30 are patentable over the cited art.

Claims 40 and 41

It has been seen above that claim 40 is patentable over the cited art for incorporating all the features of allowable claim 42, and that at least in view of its dependency on claim 40, claim 41 is patentable over the cited art.

Claims 12 and 25

Claim 25 has been cancelled.

Claim 12 depends from claim 1. The Applicant respectfully submits that at least in view of its dependency on claim 1, claim 12 is patentable over the cited art.

New claims

Claim 44 recites a method for generating a sound sequence signal such as recited in amended claim 1, i.e. "*a sound-sequence signal representing sound sequences with sound features that encode a character sequence according to a predetermined scheme, the character sequence comprising two groups of characters, one of which is a site code intended to be translated to a content-site URI by a remote service system and the other of which comprises the address of the service system, the nature of the sound features and of the predetermined scheme being such that a sound sequence of a musical character represents the address of the service system*". The Applicant respectfully submits that the process recited in new claim 44 corresponds strictly to the language of amended claim 1, so as to recite explicitly what is claimed implicitly in amended claim 1, and therefore introduces no new issue and no new matter. In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 44 is patentable over the cited art.

Claim 45, dependent on claim 44, uses the language of claim 5 to recite a method for generating a sound sequence signal such as recited in claim 5, dependent on claim 1. Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 45 only recites explicitly what is claimed implicitly in claim 5, and therefore introduces no new issue and no new matter. In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 45 is patentable over the cited art.

Claim 46, dependent on claim 44, uses the language of claim 7 to recite a method for generating a sound sequence signal such as recited in claim 7, dependent on claim 1. Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 46 only recites explicitly what is claimed implicitly in claim 7, and therefore introduces no new issue and no new matter. In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 46 is patentable over the cited art.

Claims 47-49 are apparatus claims corresponding to method claims 44-46. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 47-49 only recite explicitly what is claimed implicitly in claims 1, 5 and 7, and therefore introduces no new issue and no new matter. In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 47-49 are patentable over the cited art.

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In view of the above, the Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urges the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

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